



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

TOWN HALL
1009 MAIN ST
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01876

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Aznavoorian, Chairman
Raymond Lisiecki, Vice Chair
Damin Sutherby, Clerk
Thomas L. Cooke
Laurence Sanford
Robert Kocsmiersky

Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2014

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Raymond Lisiecki, Vice Chairman, at the Tewksbury Memorial High School Library. Present were Thomas Cooke, Larry Sanford, and Rob Kocsmiersky. Also present was Richard Montuori, Town Manager, and Karen Kucala, Finance Director.

David Aznavoorian and Damin Sutherby were not in attendance.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to recess until the conclusion of Town Meeting; seconded by Mr. Kocsmiersky and the motion carried 5-0.

2) Additional Actions on Warrant Articles - May 7, 2014 Special Town Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to come out of recess from the May 5, 2014 meeting; seconded by Mr. Sanford and the motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to reconsider Article 13; seconded by Mr. Kocsmiersky and the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place on the amendment to Article 13. The amendment would change the project total from \$825,000 to \$1,412,000. Mr. Montuori noted that the increases are largely due to increases in the sub trade areas. Mr. Cooke noted that the field sub bids actually came in lower then estimated and that the Finance Committee was advised that the amendment to Article 13 was necessary as a safety, if the field sub bids came in higher than the estimate of the Architect. This was the purpose of postponement of the Article from Monday to Wednesday. Mr. Cooke explained that the overall rush to bring this Article to Annual Town Meeting, and waiting for last minute adjustments, it is financially not prudent for the Finance Committee to consider recommendation. Mr. Cooke noted that the Committee is again, as last year, getting info on finance appropriations at the last minute before town meeting is called back into session. This is not fair to the Committee and/or any of the new members to grasp the history of the project finance via CPA funding through the tax rate dedicated per the CPA statute. Mr. Cooke requested more consideration be given to the Finance Committee process in the future.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to adopt Article 13 as amended; seconded by Mr. Sanford and the motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Mr. Cooke made the motion to go into recess until the conclusion of Town Meeting; seconded by Mr. Kocsmiersky and the motion carried 5-0.

Recess

MOTION: Mr. Lisiecki made the motion to recess until the conclusion of annual town meeting; seconded by Mr. Sutherby and the motion carried 5-0.

Approved: August 21, 2014

Documents Presented and/or Discussed
May 7, 2014

- 1) May, 2014 Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles
A copy can be found with the Town Manager
- 2) Amendment to Article 13
A copy can be found with the Town Manager